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THE DAY

A Golden Jubilee

THE changes which Mr. Hugh Gaitskell has made in his "shadow cabinet" are not "profoundly significant," but a tinge of added interest is given by reason of the fact they have been announced the same week as the Parliamentary Labour Party celebrates its golden jubilee.

In 1906 Socialist representation in the House of Commons did not even entitle it to the label of Opposition. Nevertheless, Kier Hardie was able to lead 29 Labour MPs into the House and the Parliamentary Labour Party was born. The event also saw the beginning of the process of replacing the Liberal Party in the Commons by the Labour Party, which in turn, started the infusion of a strong element of Liberal ideas into the Conservative Party.

The fortunes of the Labour Party have varied greatly over a half century. In the first election of 1910 there were 40 MPs, in the second 42. With two and a quarter million votes at the end of World War I it had 57 seats. The 1922 election brought 142 Socialist MPs to the House and found the Labour Party for the first time the official Opposition in Parliament. The first Labour government was formed in 1923; it lasted a year. The Party first obtained a working majority in 1929, and two years later was virtually wiped out when only 46 MPs were returned. Four years later the Party's fortunes turned again and 152 Members won seats. In 1945 it swept the country and remained in power until 1951.

RADICAL reform, quite naturally, has been the main platform of the Party since its foundation, yet in times of national stress it has found itself capable of sinking political differences and working in harmony with other parties in the interests of the country. The Party's share in the wartime government represents one of the more notable phases in the history of British Socialism.

Socialists, with some justification, will point to the post-war years as the high mark of achievement during the Party's first half century of existence; indeed its present young adherents may well be wishing in 50 years' time to celebrate them, whatever may happen in the meantime.

Those achievements, or at least some of them, are still subject to political controversy, but their historic importance cannot be disputed—the bringing of basic industries for the first time into public ownership and the substantial realisation of the Welfare State, a great burst of reforming legislation which succeeding Conservative governments have not chosen, maybe not even wished to alter.

The Labour Party is now in a stage of re-examining its doctrines, but at this moment it feels justified in pausing to congratulate itself on its accomplishments.

Can The Future Be Foretold?

Well, can the future be foretold? In tomorrow's feature-packed edition of the China Mail, Phyllis Digby Morton begins a new series which will give you an answer to this question. This is only one highlight. Watch out for others like these:

★ Marilyn Monroe is now the boss of Terence Rattigan and Sir Laurence Olivier — she has bought a Rattigan play and will co-star with Olivier in it. Les Armour thinks Miss Monroe is going to make a place for herself in history.

★ Another treason trial story: Hanged by a passport he did not need, by Nigel Gee.

★ Sefton Delmer spends a week with King Saud of Saudi Arabia and writes about "The King and I".

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' reviews of the latest films in Hongkong, three pages of local and overseas pictures, special sections for women, children and sportsmen, cartoons, comic strips, puzzles, games — and the tips for tomorrow's meeting at the Valley — all in your Saturday China Mail.

HISTORIC COMMONS DECISION

House Calls For Abolition Of Death Penalty For Murder

MPs SHOUT FOR JOY

GOVT TO CONSIDER 'FREE VOTE' VERDICT

London, Feb. 16.

The House of Commons tonight voted to abolish the death penalty for murder.

The decision, by 293 votes to 262, was greeted with great shouts of joy by politicians who for years have campaigned to wipe out the gallows. The House arrived at its verdict on a "free vote".

The motion, which the government had opposed, urged the House to abolish or suspend the death penalty because it "no longer accords with the needs of a civilised society."

EDEN'S ASSURANCE

"After the vote had been taken, Mr. James Chuter Ede, a former Labour Home Secretary, asked whether the Government would take steps to carry out the decision of the House."

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, replied: "Mr. Ede can be assured that the Government will give full weight at once to a decision taken by this House on a free vote. But I must add that we will, at the earliest opportunity, make a considered statement on the consequences which will flow from that."

The Prime Minister added it would be necessary for the Government to consider the statement for a day or two. Amid cheers he said: "But it will be the wish of the Government that there shall be no undue delay."

When the voting figures were announced, Opposition members, the chief supporters of abolition, jumped to their feet and cheered, many waving agenda papers above their heads.

EXCITED CROWD

The news spread quickly to an excited crowd who had been queuing all evening in the cold outside Parliament.

The move for abolition took the form of an amendment to a Government motion which urged that the death penalty should be retained, but with the murder law modified.

At present, the death penalty applies to four crimes in Britain: murder, treason, piracy with violence and fire-raising in royal dockyards and arsenals.

So ended Britain's third debate on capital punishment in the Commons since the war. It climaxed almost a century of agitation for the abolition of capital punishment.

The various galleries were filled almost to capacity and the Chamber itself was so full that members were sitting in the aisles.

DETERRENT PLEA

The Commons voted in 1948 to abolish capital punishment but this was rejected by the House of Lords—and hanging was restored after a 55-day period during which convicted murderers were automatically reprieved.

A year ago a private member's bill calling for a five-year suspension of the death penalty was rejected in the Commons by 245 to 214 on a free vote.

Two hours today Mr. Gwylm Lloyd George, the Home Secretary, appealed to the

House to retain the death penalty as the best deterrent to murder.

He did not believe that in recent times there has been any case in which an innocent man has been hanged," he said.

This remark was challenged by the abolitionists.

Since the war, he went on, there had been an increase in the more serious crimes of violence. Indictable sexual offences against women had nearly trebled.

To cheer from supporters of capital punishment, Mr. Lloyd George said: "I am not shaken by the fact that capital punishment causes suffering both to the condemned men and others."

"Murder causes suffering, and I see neither sense nor humanity in risking an increase of suffering by innocent victims and their families to reduce the suffering of murderers."

LABOUR 'CONVERTS'

Among the speakers who favoured abolition of hanging, were Mr. James Chuter Ede and Mr. Herbert Morrison, both former Labour Home Secretaries. Both said they had been converted since 1948.

Mr. Ede recalled how his conscience had troubled him since he refused to reprieve Timothy John Evans, who in 1950 was said to have murdered his wife and infant daughter.

John Christie, mass-killer, who lived in the same house, later said he murdered Mrs. Evans. Mr. Chuter Ede, who in 1950 was said to have murdered his wife and infant daughter.

GOVT PLAN

Mr. Lloyd George had earlier outlined the Government's proposals to modify the law of murder.

These were:

★ A person accused of murder should now be able to plead he was provoked by words used to him by the person he killed.

The last Royal (Independent) Commission on capital punishment recommended that a jury should be able to reduce murder to manslaughter on such grounds.

★ Mr. Lloyd George indicated the Government would be willing to change the law of "constructive malice" which he said was "unsatisfactory."

★ The Government accepted a recommendation by the Royal Commission on suicide pacts that where a survivor of a pact had only aided or abetted his companion, to commit suicide he should be guilty only of helping and not of murder.

★ The Government would closely study the Royal Commission's strong recommendation that England should follow the Scottish doctrine of "diminished responsibility"—the

"no man's land" between the clearly sane and the clearly insane.

"Under this a murderer is not sentenced to death but is 'detained during Her Majesty's pleasure'—a life sentence—

Reuter.

COLONY BANKS

TO FOLLOW

LONDON RATE?

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The War Office calls for report on Murray Barracks.

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MOLLET HAD TO WAIT

New Assembly

Uproar:

Left-Right In Skirmish

Paris, Feb. 16.

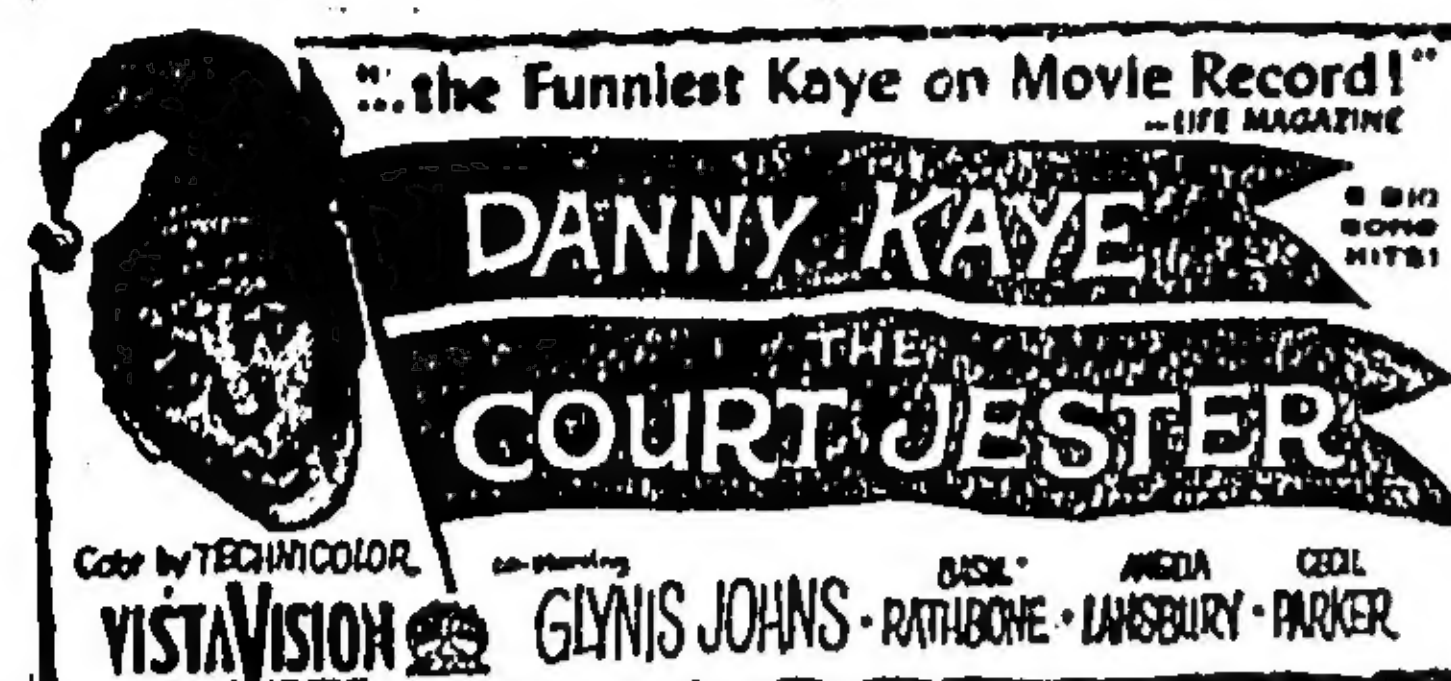
The Premier, M. Guy Mollet, had to postpone his statement on Algeria while Pouladists and Communists shouted insults at each other when the National Assembly met this afternoon.

The Communists and Pouladists broke into noisy uproar in a dispute about the minutes on yesterday's meeting when a free fight broke out in the chamber.

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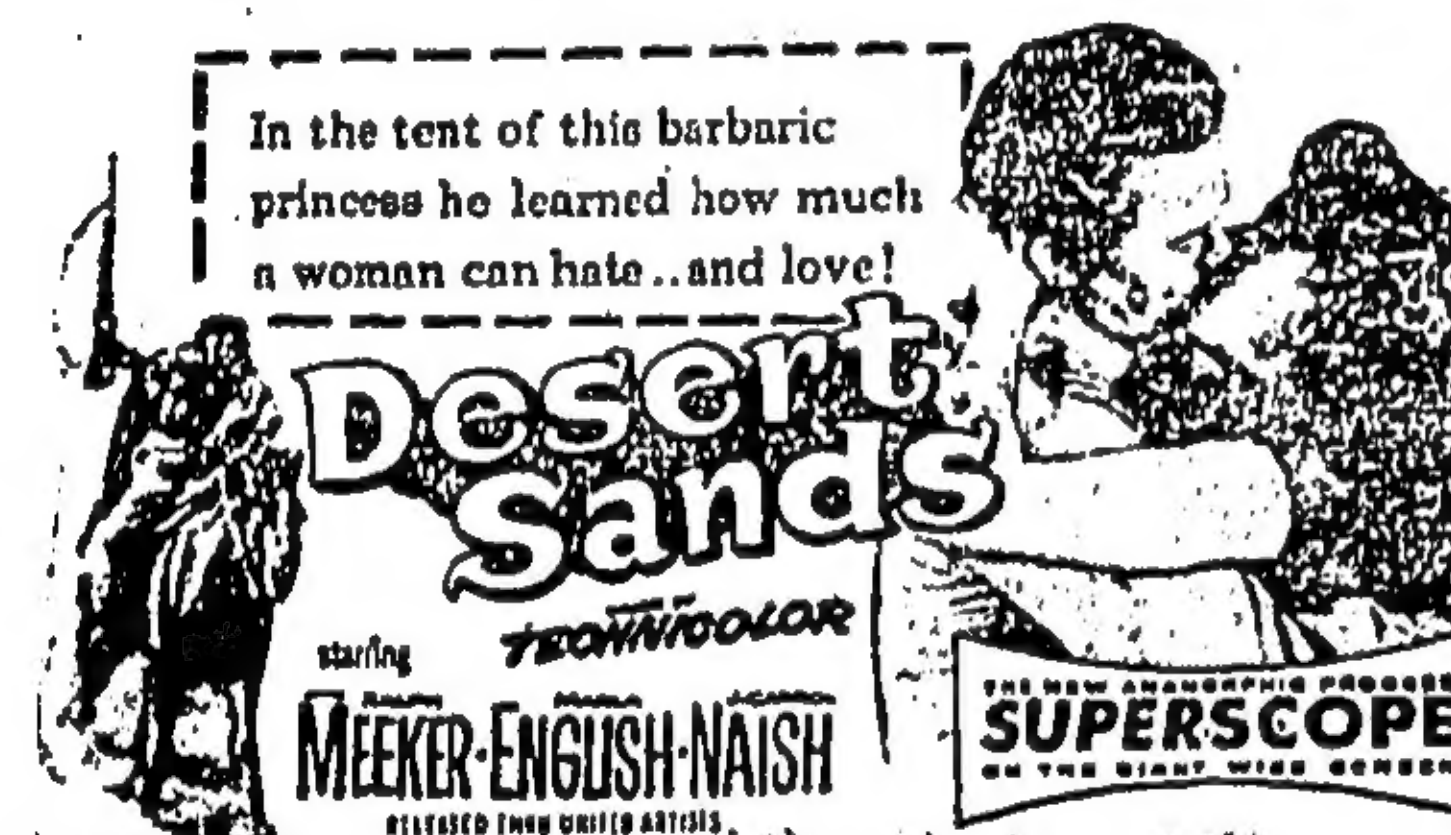


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INDEPENDENCE COULD END MALAYAN EMERGENCY

—New Statesman

London, Feb. 16.

The Leftwing New Statesman and Nation said today "there can be no doubt that the London agreement (on Malayan independence) is the biggest step which has yet been taken towards ending the Malayan emergency."

Commenting on the results of the London conference, which ended last week, the weekly review recalled that the Communist leader Chin Peng had said he would stop his campaign as soon as an elected Malayan government had control of internal security and local armed forces.

"It is, of course, by no means certain that Chin Peng is now disposed to keep his promise—or, even if he is, that he is able to control all his followers," the New Statesman and Nation said.

the emergency continues. All this will call for considerable courage and ingenuity from Malayan ministers.

"It will also make heavy demands on British tolerance and wisdom."

"The broad fact is that in the long run there is no alternative to communism. In Malaya except complete independence, the New Statesman and Nation said.—Reuter.

Three Fronts

"Once Malaya gets effective self-government there can be no further legitimate excuse for the Malayan Communist Party to sustain the guerrilla war, which from now on will become increasingly a war against the people of Malaya."

"In seeking to process the raw material of last week's agreement into the working machinery of an independent and democratic government, (the Tengku and his fellow ministers) have to face difficulties on three separate fronts."

The first group concerns the techniques of constitution making, and the practical problems of hammering out the somewhat complicated relations which the agreement envisages between the Malayan government and the representatives of the UK, especially in the fields of defence and finance.

Vital Problem

"The second vital problem is how to win over the loyalty of the Chinese community to the idea of Malayan nationality and citizenship," and the third is the formulation of practical programmes of development and social services, which must be sufficiently imaginative to substitute a more positive political stimulus for what should be the dying bogey of colonialism.

"These problems will certainly not be solved without moments of friction and misunderstanding. All one can say at this stage is that the Tengku has gained in words all the essentials of internal self-government and that there will be no disposition in responsible quarters in London to take back what has been given."

Goodwill

"The Tengku needs both the goodwill of Britain and a lot of practical help," the review continued.

"At the same time, he must convince the people of Malaya that his independence is genuine. And he must set in hand social and economic policies sufficiently attractive to make them feel that self-government under the Alliance Party is to be preferred to the rule of the Communists."

"Moreover, these tasks may well have to be tackled while

Crisis Averted?

Washington, Feb. 16.

Indications grew today that a threatening military crisis in Palestine had been postponed as a result of Israel consenting to delay unilateral diversion of the Jordan River waters.

Fears of such a crisis had been based on an earlier Israeli statement that canal digging in a demilitarized zone would be resumed in March or April and on the possibility that this would touch off a Syrian-Israeli fight into which Egypt could be drawn.—United Press.

Ike's Reply

Moscow, Feb. 17.

President Eisenhower's reply to Soviet Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin's second letter, proposing a Soviet-American treaty of friendship, may be handed over next Monday or Tuesday, generally well-informed diplomatic sources said last night.—France-Press.

Busy Building His Church



When he's not busy on parish work, the Rev. Vivian Symons is manhandling huge beams as part of the building of his church, in which he is taking an active part, on a new site at Biggin Hill, Kent. Beams and bricks for the church come from the bomb-damaged All-Saints Church in Peckham, London.—Reuterphoto.

Japanese-American Friendship Pledge

New York, Feb. 16.

Mr Sadao Iguchi, retiring Japanese Ambassador to the United States, said today that "Japanese-American friendship is the cornerstone of Japanese foreign policy and no matter what government is elected, there will be no change in that."

Asked if he thought there was any possibility of Japan's being admitted to the United Nations this year, Mr Iguchi replied: "The chances are not so good this year because of the questions of Outer Mongolia and Red China."

SETTLERS SLEEP AT HOME

Rabat, Feb. 16.

French settlers were returning to their farms near the town of Toza today after officials took strong security measures to safeguard them from terrorists, it was announced today.

The settlers never abandoned their farms completely, but some started spending the night in Toza earlier this month because of the terrorist threat, officials said. The bulk of these settlers now sleep on their farms, officials said. Meanwhile, it was announced that four civilians and a soldier have been killed by terrorists in the Ouba area this month.—France-Press.

Gunman Couldn't Take It

Bonn, Feb. 16.

A two-gun robber killed himself at Cochem after he had been chased and punched by an unarmed cleric.

The gunman had held up a cinema employee and taken 4,500 marks (about £400) from a safe.

He was seen by the cleric from a nearby office who tackled him on the street, punched him on the face and chased him into a block of flats. After being knocked into a moving lift, the gunman shot himself dead as police arrived. He had a second revolver in his pocket.—China Mail Special.

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More Disinflationary Measures Expected

By Sidney Campell

London, Feb. 16.

Today's higher bank rate was expected to be followed by other disinflationary moves—hire-purchase restrictions, cuts in capital expenditure by the nationalised industries (except only coal and atomics), cuts in government spending including many frills in the defence programme, and a new savings drive.

Any intention to reintroduce building licences or import restrictions has been authoritatively denied. The purpose of this denial was to avoid pointless forestalling which may have inflated January's imports.

VOLCANO FOUND 'NOT GUILTY'

San Francisco, Feb. 16.

A University of California scientist reported here that the wrong volcano has been blamed for the 1912 Alaskan volcanic eruption—one of the most violent natural events the world has known.

Not Mount Katmai, but another mountain volcano six miles away, Novarupta, contributed the most violence to the explosion, according to the scientist, Dr. G. H. Curtis, assistant professor of Geology. Both mountains erupted in Novarupta made a more violent contribution than Katmai.

Four Years

Dr. Curtis determined that Katmai was only a minor accomplice in the event by calculations based on the thickness of volcanic ash throughout the Valley of 10,000 Smokes. Contour lines based on his measurements formed incriminating rings around Novarupta—and none at all around Katmai.—China Mail Special.

No time for announcing the further measures was yet known. They obviously require another Cabinet meeting.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Harold Macmillan, was believed to be anxious to act firmly and to have consulted only practical people and no theorists but presumably he still has to convince an undecided Prime Minister.

The surprise until Mr. Macmillan's announcement may itself have some additional disinflationary value by engendering caution.

The Purpose

The purpose of today's bank and of measures as a whole must be:

1. To show determination to defend sterling.
2. To curb imports (immediately by making stockholding dearer and later by the general economic brake) and:
3. To administer a quick shock effect to reinforce existing measures.

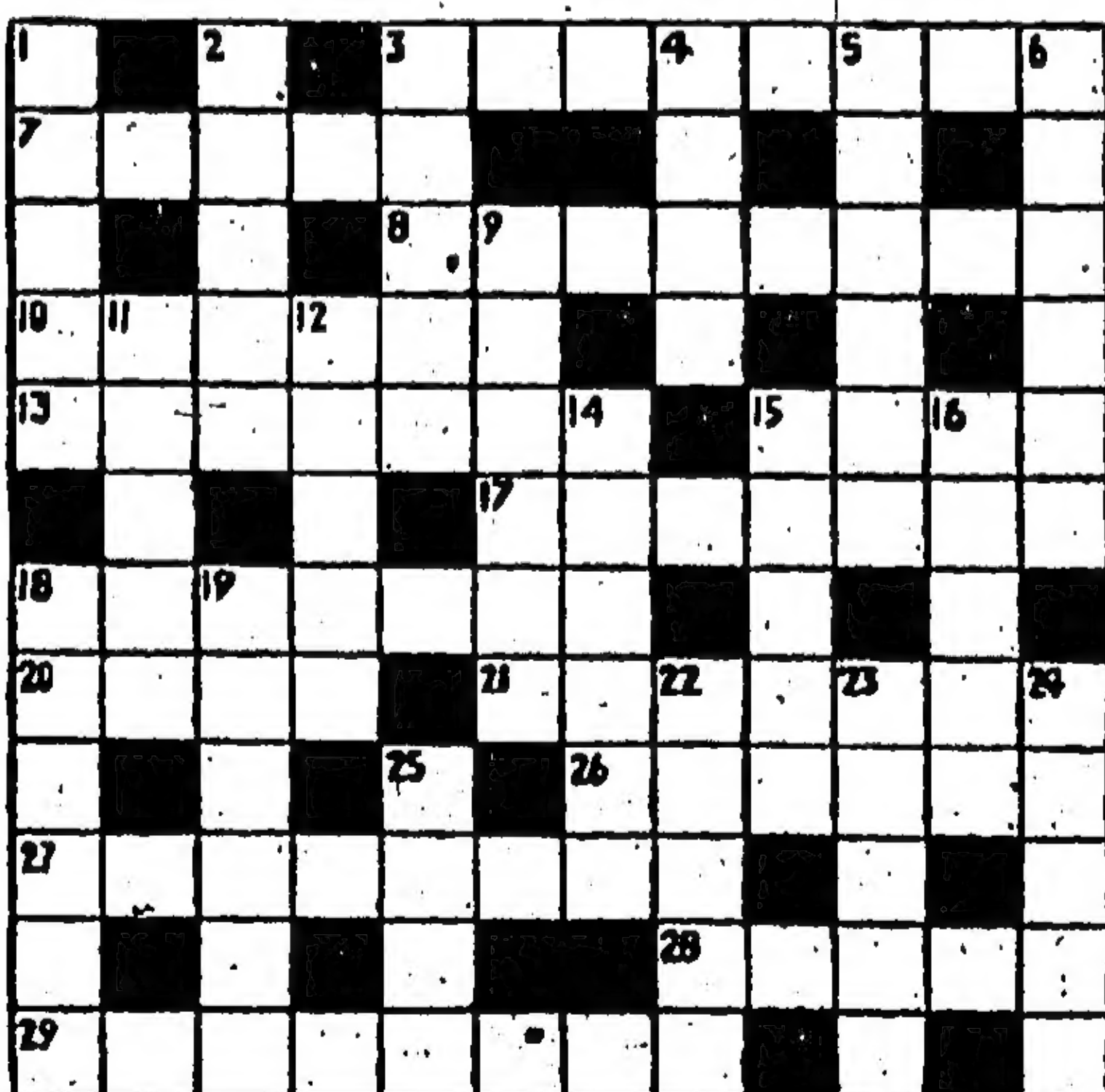
The new measures should strengthen sterling.

Forward sterling must automatically adjust to the higher bank rate but thereafter both spot and forward could strengthen strikingly if the big short positions were covered.

Germany's Central Banking Council has postponed its scheduled meeting from this week to next week awaiting London's decision. But few, if any, non-sterling countries should lightly follow the higher British bank rate.

Sterling's whole trouble is that Britain almost alone has been losing gold and dollar reserves while almost every other country—inflationary countries such as France and Italy as well as deflationary Germany—have been gaining them handsomely.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Feeler (6).
7 Snow hut (5).
8 Mollie-cuddled (8).
10 Numbles (6).
13 Fight (7).
15 Fish (4).
17 Built (7).
18 Put back (7).
20 Unemployed (4).
21 Waited (7).
26 Offer (6).
27 Enlarge (6).
28 Slack (6).
29 Expressive actions (8).

DOWN
1 Flowering shrub (5).
2 Free from dirt (5).
3 Sun helmet (5).
4 Specimen (4).
5 Vegetable (6).
6 Circulated (6).
9 A ver (6).
11 Uninterested (5).
12 Condition (5).
14 Negotiates (5).
15 Regard with disdain (5).
16 Assembly (5).
18 Division of Yorkshire (6).
19 Trousers (5).
22 Strangers (5).
23 Pool (5).
24 Towelled (5).
25 Bill of fare (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Throat, 5 Dared, 8 Hivet, 9 Remains, 10 Folly, 11 Again, 12 Alias, 13 Cease, 16 Remiss, 18 Tea-set, 20 Neat, 22 Kelp, 23 Slump, 25 Muffin, 26 Alaska, 27 Corie, 28 Weir, 29 Dawdle. Down: 1 Treenen, 2 Fernaria, 3 Arla, 4 Tingles, 5 Diffic, 6 Atoms, 7 Emile, 9 Amused, 10 Estimate, 11 Rallied, 17 Mormaid, 19 Easter, 21 Amuse, 24 Flee.

Collective Leadership Favoured In Russia

Paris, Feb. 16.

TOP Soviet Communist Party officials, Anastas Mikoyan and Mikhail Suslov, spoke out in favour of collective leadership of the Party today at the party's 20th congress which is underway in Moscow. Tass news agency reported.

Mr. Mikoyan, who is Vice-Premier and a member of the Party Presidium, reiterated the statements made by Party Chief, Nikita Khrushchev last Tuesday that collective leadership was all important for the future of the party.

Mr. Suslov, a secretary of the party, said collective leadership is being set up at all levels of the party from the Central Committee to the local Communist cells.

Vital Problems

This collective leadership is illustrated by the party's collective decisions on vital problems and by the stepping up of mutual criticism and self-criticism within the party, Mr. Suslov said.

Mr. Suslov, like other party leaders who have spoken thus far, lashed out at personal party leadership which prevailed before the last congress held in 1952.

Personal leadership violated Marxist-Leninist theory and did great harm to the party, Mr. Suslov said. He said the Soviet Union's fight for peace had helped to slacken world tension and had bolstered the forces of peace, democracy and socialism everywhere, Tass reported.

Meanwhile, the "imperialist camp" has weakened, Mr. Suslov said. He said the French election held on January 2 demonstrated that "the force of peace have scored gains even in capitalist countries."—France-Press.

S. AFRICA ENFORCES INDIAN BAN

Johannesburg, Feb. 16.

The South African Government today started enforcing its ban on the immigration of Indians into the Union.

The immigration authorities notified airlines, railways, shipping lines and bus companies that no Indians will be allowed into the country from now on except returning South African residents or bona fide tourists with the necessary visas.

Public carriers will be held responsible for the repatriation of their passengers in case the ban is violated, the authorities said.

The ban applies to all Indian immigrants, including the wives of Indian residents in South Africa.—France-Press.

Earth Tremor In Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Feb. 16.

A brief earth tremor which rattled dishes was felt in homes here today.

The tremor, which came as a blast followed by a rumble and rolling vibration, also was felt at Edmond and Stillwater.

A number of Oklahoma City residents felt the vibration and some thought it was an explosion.

Early evening diners in the Beacon Club on the 33rd floor of the First National Bank Building said they heard a rumbling and it was as if the whole countryside was shaking.—United Press.

Australian Envoy To Thailand

Canberra, Feb. 16.

The Australian Minister to Thailand Mr. D. O. Hay, has been appointed Ambassador. This follows the decision of the Australian and Thai governments to raise their diplomatic missions from legations to embassies.—Reuter.

Enquiry Into UK Copper Exports To Soviet Bloc

Washington, Feb. 16.

Mr. Ronald Prain, British head of a leading Rhodesian copper mining group, appeared under subpoena today before the Senate Permanent Investigations Sub-committee and faced insistent questions on British exports of strategic copper to the Soviet bloc.

Mr. Prain, chairman of the board of the Rhodesian Selection Trusts, denied that any of the copper mined by his group found its way directly or indirectly to Communist countries.

He confirmed the committee's research evidence that Britain had exported about 74 million pounds of copper products to the Soviet bloc in the year 1954.

Mr. Prain said he had firm assurances from his British customers that none of them exported copper directly or indirectly to the Soviet bloc.

He was asked by the committee's counsel, Mr. Robert Kennedy, "Which British firms do export copper to Russia, then?"

No Information

Mr. Prain replied: "I have no information."

Mr. Prain, who said his group was responsible for about one-

Education Should Be Aimed At Making

London, Feb. 16.

A leading British research psychologist said here: Don't cram children with abstract mathematics—teach them to build simple radio sets.

Dr. N. H. Mackworth, head of applied psychology research at Cambridge University, explained in a lecture: "Education should be primarily aimed at making. Man is a maker before he is a thinker and most of the best thinking comes from trying to understand how and why things act as they do."

Know The Use

"The child needs to know the use of what he learns. Teach him abstract mathematics and he will learn to use it. But put a child old enough to have sufficient manual dexterity on to building his own transistor (simplified) valveless receiving set and he is sure to learn how it works and why."

He was speaking at the Institution of Production Engineers.—China Mail Special.

39 Carnival Deaths

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 16. Rio's four-day pre-Lenten carnival resulted in 39 violent deaths, many of them murders. There were 114 cases of serious injury.—China Mail Special.

Gandhi Commemoration Ceremony In Delhi



India's President, Dr. Prasad, and Premier Nehru left, are pictured taking part in the Khadi (spinning) ceremony during the recent ceremonies in Delhi commemorating the death of Mahatma Gandhi. Khadi, a symbol of India's economy, was preached by Gandhi. The anniversary of his death is now known as Gandhi Martyrdom Day.—Express Photo.

'TIMBER?'

Paris, Feb. 16.

A Russian lumberjack 7 feet two inches tall—he wears size 22 shoes—lowered above other members of the Soviet National Basketball teams who arrived here by air.

The player, Ivan Krutynich, eats twice as much as a normal man and must sleep in a special bed, his trainer told reporters.

The two Russian teams (men and women) meet French teams in international matches here on Saturday.—China Mail Special.

Sahara Battle

Three Police And Bandit Chief Killed

Niamey, Feb. 16.

Three local police have been killed and three others wounded as a result of a brush with marauders in the southern Sahara Desert, it was reported in Niamey, French west Africa, today.

The robber chieftain, a convicted criminal, was also shot dead and his two companions arrested. The incident occurred when a motorised contingent of local police from Bilma, on a Sahara patrol, spotted the three desert robbers leading a train of 27 stolen camels.

In the ensuing fight, one Arab policeman and the gang chief, already condemned to death in absentia for murder and robbery—were shot dead and five of the policemen wounded.

Two of the police, who were flown into Niamey, died of their wounds in hospital this morning.—France-Press.

WOMEN STRIKE OVER CAPS

Kalamazoo, Feb. 16.

A thousand women workers struck at a paper company here because they said the safety caps they had ordered them to wear were not becoming. The men employees walked out in sympathy.

In response to a union appeal, 700 women went back to work later—wearing the caps. But 225 others struck out for beauty. They were sent home.—China Mail Special.

'Nightmare' Sickness Kills Seven

Manila, Feb. 16.

A "nightmare" sickness that has killed seven people in their sleep during the past 16 days was "fast becoming a grave public health problem," the Chief Medical Officer of the Manila Police Department said today.

Dr. Mariano B. Lara said the afflicted persons invariably "ran out of breath" in their sleep. So far, the victims of the malady have all been men. A college instructor, a lawyer,

students and labourers have died.

City health officer Mariano C. Icasiano said the disease, called "Bongang" in the local language, is typically Filipino in that all deaths reported so far have involved Filipinos.

After February

He said the malady was first reported years ago on Hawaiian plantations where Filipino labourers were reported to have died of the disease.

Indonesian Leaders Pro-Jap Quislings Says Senator

CASEY APOLOGISES

Canberra, Feb. 16.

A 69-year-old Australian Senator attacked Indonesian leaders as "pro-Japanese Quislings" today, and External Affairs Minister R. G. Casey promptly apologised to the President of Indonesia.

Sen. George Rankin, Member of the Country Party from Victoria and a Major-General in World War I, touched off the dispute when he accused Indonesia of attempting to "thieve" West New Guinea.

He demanded from Mr. Casey a statement that would make clear the Australian government's attitude on West New Guinea (Irian). The island territory, held by the Dutch, is claimed by Indonesia.

Broke Down

Dutch-Indonesian negotiations on West New Guinea and other mutual problems broke down in Geneva last week.

Mr. Casey issued a statement apologising to President Soekarno and the Indonesian government for Sen. Rankin's outburst.

"The remarks by Sen. Rankin, who is a private Member, about President Soekarno and the Indonesian government are a wholly unjustified and are repudiated by the Australian government in the strongest terms," the statement said.

Taken An Interest

"I ask President Soekarno and his government to accept the profound regrets of the Australian government that such offensive and unjustified remarks were made."

Australia has taken an interest in the Dutch-Indonesian dispute over West New Guinea because, Australian administrators adjoining East New Guinea as a trust territory.

The President of the Australian Senate, Sen. Allister McMullin, said, "I consider Sen. Rankin's remarks not in order, and I rule that in future such questions must be expressed in terms of dignity and courtesy."

But Sen. Rankin was not subdued.

No Apology

"I make no apology for what I said," he asserted later. "In fact, I am astounded at my moderation. I look upon the Indonesians as complete impostors who have no right or claim to West New Guinea. The Dutch people have every right to expect Australia to support them in their opposition to Indonesian claims."

"I make no apology to Soekarno in any shape or form. He is the man who sent a cable to the Emperor of Japan, congratulating him when the Japanese took Singapore. Soekarno is pro-Japanese all through."

Mr. Casey, replying in the House of Representatives to questions concerning the collapse of the Dutch-Indonesian negotiations, said the Australian government had received no official word that the union between Holland and Indonesia had ended.

He said Australia wanted to maintain the best possible relations with Indonesia, as shown by aid given to that country under the Colombo Plan.

He declined to elaborate on his talks last September in



R. G. Casey

Djakarta on the West New Guinea issue, but emphasised that the Australian attitude toward Indonesia's claims had not changed.

The Australian government opposed handing over the territory to Indonesia when the question was debated in the United Nations in 1954.

As for the Dutch-Indonesian dispute, Mr. Casey said it appeared to be a dialectic dispute.—United Press.

Television For Armchair Police

Hamburg, Feb. 16.

Hamburg police are to experiment with a "television eye" to help regulate traffic.

A television camera overlooking a busy crossing will transmit the traffic scene to a screen in the police station, from where the red, amber and green lights will be remotely controlled. The system will be more effective than traffic lights which change at regular intervals regardless of the density of the traffic and will take the place of policemen on point duty.

The eventual aim is to control several inter-dependent crossings from the same police station. By pushing a button, the officer in charge will be able to put into operation one of five "programmes," or combinations of changing lights according to the traffic situation.—China Mail Special.

WILD WOMAN AT WEDDING WIELDED WEAPON

Rome, Feb. 16.

As a bridegroom was about to say "I do" at a wedding in a church at Trento, a wild-eyed woman rushed up the aisle to the altar brandishing a revolver. The bridegroom fled into the vestry.

The ceremony was taking place in the Church of the Sanctuary of the Madonna of the mountains outside Trento yesterday.

Police described the woman as a former fiancée of the bridegroom. She was seized and detained as she screamed: "I want to kill him."

The bridegroom disappeared from the vestry and the ceremony continued.—China Mail Special.

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The Eisenhower News Prompts The Query IS GOLF WORTH THE STRAIN?

By DR ARTHUR CHESBY

SO President Eisenhower has been ordered to give up golf. Excellent. I would go further and order EVERYONE — well, almost — to give it up.

The President has, of course, been advised to abandon the game because of his heart.

But it is my guess that his doctors are not concerned only with the physical strain. They are probably thinking too of the risk involved in the tension and the striving which afflicts almost every golfer.

I'M TEMPTED

THAT is why I would be tempted to close down every golf course and send golfers off for a long relaxing walk in the country. Because golf, as a relaxation, just doesn't work. It does much, much more harm than good.

There is nothing wrong with the game itself. It could be a fine exercise, a wonderful mental and physical relaxation (yes, even for some heart subjects).

But it hardly ever is. Golf is far more often a matter of fret and tension. Of false hopes and disappointment; of despair, frustration, and even rage.

If you think I exaggerate then ask a golfer. Ask me. I am one of the lunatics who play golf and, believe me, I know it all.

Even if I play well I worry about WHY I played well. What was it I did right this time that I didn't do last time? Can I do it right next time too?

If I play badly I suffer a feeling of shame and failure that is out of all proportion to the real state of affairs. And my only consolation is that every other golfer suffers exactly as I do.

The non-golfer will now ask: Why take the thing so seriously? Why not try taking it easy?

Intelligent questions, but only a non-golfer could ask them. They miss the whole point. The average golfer is precisely the man who can't take it easy.

RELAX.....

HE is more often than not the high executive type, whose job demands big decisions and involves constant tension. He is a perfectionist, incessantly demanding the best of himself and it is this quality which has got him where he is.

But it is this too which may make him a bad golfer, or at any rate, a frustrated one. For as any golfer professional will tell you—as mine has been telling me for years—the whole secret of successful golf is the ability to relax.

The world needs its perfectionists. It needs them badly. But the perfectionists don't need golf. They would be healthier and happier without it. They have enough of tension from Monday to Friday. At week-ends they MUST relax, or sooner or later crack. Of course most golfers are so besotted by the game that they will never believe they DON'T

relax. That is the sort of game it is. A drug, a false religion. But ask them to tell you honestly if they feel genuinely relaxed and refreshed after a game and most would have to admit they don't.

My serious advice as a doctor to every golfer is to do one of two things.

Give up the stupid game altogether and spend the week-ends really relaxing with long walks in the country.

Or make up your mind not to give a rap whether you hole out in one or miss the ball altogether. In short, try to develop that sense of humour which every true golfer lacks.

Why don't I practise what I preach? Well, I rather think I don't need to. I tried out a new grip last week and I fancy I'll find tomorrow that I have discovered really how to play the game.

GREEK TRAGEDY?



Mr Lennox-Boyd, Colonial Secretary, told MPs the Government is prepared to take any necessary measures, including jamming, to combat propaganda broadcasts to Cyprus by Athens Radio.

Uranium Strike!

MICK'S LUCKY FIND

By Arthur Morley

Sydney
THERE'S a long, sleek, dove-grey Packard limousine parked outside a tiny cottage at Mount Isa, in Queensland's Far West. It is one of the prettiest sights of the outback, these days. The owner is a young prospector named Mick Walton, still in his mid-twenties — one of the Dominion's new uranium-rich.

Mick drives this luxurious motor bus, but he also works comfortably over the accelerator. He wears khaki shorts and singlet only as he sends the car scudding along the outback roads, sending up clouds of yellow-red dust....

Mick is the man behind the announced fact that the British Atomic Energy Commission is opening up a great new source of uranium supply in Queensland. The metal is to be stockpiled and shipped from the tropical port of Townsville to feed the new British atomic energy power stations.

Dream Come True

The British mining concern, Rio Tinto Co. Ltd., has announced that it has signed an agreement with Australian interests to build a £10 million uranium treatment plant in the Mount Isa area of Queensland, inland from Townsville.

The same firm has bought a controlling interest in the Mount Isa uranium mines — the Mary Kathleen mine. It is one of Britain's biggest post-war mining development projects overseas.

Rio Tinto will supply the treated ore to the British Atomic Energy Commission — and the young Mick Walton seems certain to have his second Packard before long.

For Mary Kathleen is the lucky strike made by Mick and a group of local companions during the height of the Mount Isa uranium rush two years ago. It is every prospector's dream come true—a solid hill of uranium.

Luck played a big part in the find. Walton and five companions, from Mount Isa, detected radioactivity in some smooth stones in a creek bed. They followed the creek up into the hills to find the source of the stones—and stumbled upon the radioactive hill that they named Mary Kathleen.

Big Investment

They sold part interest in Mary Kathleen to an Australian mining concern, Australian Oil Exploration Ltd. Then the British concern, Rio Tinto, bought controlling interest and began painstaking tests to "prove" the extent of the deposit.

Last week, it was officially announced that the tests were completed. Mary Kathleen is one of the biggest deposits of uranium in the Commonwealth. Rio Tinto is to supply £10 million of British capital to build a refinery to treat the ore and reduce it for shipment to Britain.

BUDDHISM UNDER THE SOVIET HEEL

By WALTER KOLARZ

THE Soviet leaders Khrushchev and Bulganin were, at the end of last year, guests of a country where Buddhism is the official religion. Their hosts, the principal members of the Burmese Government, including of course Premier U Nu, are themselves devout Buddhists.

World of ideas

While they no doubt absorbed visually all that is tangible in the Buddhist religion, one can hardly expect the Russian visitors to have acquainted themselves with Buddhist religious thought.

Buddhism urges man to fight the evils within himself by cleansing his own heart. It believes in the development of the inner spiritual faculties of the individual by inward concentration and meditation, and it abhors selfishness and hatred, including class hatred.

This is a world of ideas which is likely to have remained hidden to the Soviet politicians on their journey through Burma; it is a world which is alien to Communism. More than that, Soviet Communism has for many years conducted a merciless struggle against the external manifestations of Buddhism, both in the USSR itself and in the Mongol People's Republic, the Soviet satellite country in Asia.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ANTARCTIC

By J. C. Graham

Auckland, N.Z.
THE great British adventure in making the first crossing of the Antarctic continent depends on work from both ends. After the British party passes the South Pole, it will depend on fuel and food depots and route marking by a New Zealand party working from McMurdo Sound, the finishing point of the journey.

The New Zealanders have been hard at work during the summer on their part of the preparations.

A New Zealand party went to McMurdo Sound with the American expedition that has been there for the past few weeks. They lost no time in searching for a base site which could be reached by sea but which was also well placed for the British explorers arriving after their arduous journey.

Travelling the hard way on foot, and dragging sledges with 400 pounds of equipment, a three-man party set out round the shores of McMurdo Sound under the leadership of Dr

There are only three peoples in the Soviet Union who are followers of the Buddhist religion — the Kalmyks, the Tuvinians and the Buryats — and to all three the Soviet Government has meted out exceptionally harsh treatment. The Kalmyks, who used to live in the steppe southwest of the Volga Delta, were deprived of their autonomy in 1943 and deported to Siberia. The Tuvinians, who during the inter-war period had a quasi-independent republic of their own, were annexed by Soviet Russia in 1944. They now form an Autonomous Province which belongs to the Russian Federation.

Liquidated

Only the Buryats of Eastern Siberia have still an "Autonomous Republic." However, it is much smaller now than it was originally, for in 1937 parts of Buryatia were incorporated into the Russian provinces of Irkutsk and Chita. But much graver than the dismemberment of their national territory was the religious oppression to which the Buryats have been exposed under the Soviet regime.

Vague terms

While staying in the Soviet capital the Pandita Hambu Lama Dordzhiev, in his secular name—also made a statement which, in rather vague and general terms, referred to the existence of Buddhist congregations, temples and lamas on Soviet territory. Unfortunately, the Chit Lama failed to give any statistical details from which one might have gleaned a real picture about the present situation of Buddhism in the Soviet Union.

The mountains bordering on McMurdo Sound are not only must stores be transported up on to the polar plateau, but also a route must be found for bringing the British party's vehicles down to McMurdo Sound to complete their journey.

The New Zealand explorers found the going tough on the iron-hard ice surface of the glacier, and seven sets of crampons were broken in negotiating the climb. They found the glacier free from crevasses on its lower slopes, but the upper 20 miles of the huge ice river had a broken surface. They believe, however, that they can mark out a route to get suitably tracked vehicles up and down.

Their report on the requirements necessary to get vehicles through this difficult section is likely to have an effect on the design of equipment used for the journey.

The advance party's work in the Antarctic this year will enable a rapid start to be made in the next southern summer in getting a base built and in pushing ahead with the major job of transporting supplies of depots along the route to the South Pole.

Before the October Revolution there were as many as 20 Buddhist monasteries in the Buryat-Buryat-speaking areas. Several were important educational institutions, to which the intellectual development of the Buryat people owes a great debt.

Greatest blow

But the greatest blow inflicted on Soviet Buddhism was the arrest of the head of the Buddhist community of Soviet Russia, Agvan Dorzhiev, a most learned man who enjoyed great prestige among his people. Agvan Dorzhiev died in a prison in Ulan Ude (Buryatia). He was the immediate predecessor of the Chit Lama Dordzhiev, who a few weeks ago made the Burmese Premier in Moscow and made the recent optimistic but meaningless statement about the survival of Buddhism in the USSR.

In the Soviet-controlled Mongol People's Republic, where the Buddhist monasteries wielded considerable political power, the persecution of the lamas assumed even greater proportions than in Russia. For instance, in 1930, there was a mass trial in Ulan Bator, the Mongol capital, involving over 100 high lamas of 17 monasteries.

Further trials in 1937 and 1938 led to the victimisation of altogether 2,000 lamas of 40 monasteries, or rather, families

monasteries, for at the end of the 1930s Buddhist monastic life in the Mongol Republic was all but destroyed.

Despite all the practical measures taken in Mongolia for the suppression of Buddhism, the anti-religious campaign is still going on. The present Party programme of the Mongolian Communist Party (officially the "Mongol People's Revolutionary Party") mentions as one of the nine tasks of Party members "the organisation of broadly-based anti-religious propaganda" and "the enlightening of the toilers about the harm of religion."

From time to time the Mongol Communist leadership issues circulars reminding its followers to pay greater attention to this anti-Buddhist passage of the Party programme. The anti-Buddhist policy conducted in Mongolia not only has the approval of Soviet Russia but it has been carried out under the direct inspiration of Soviet Communists.

Red target

Soviet Russia is now endeavouring to promote a pro-Soviet mood in the non-Communist Asian countries. Burma, where Buddhism is the faith professed by the great majority of the population, is one of its targets. To achieve its purpose Soviet propaganda draws up an idealised picture of conditions in Russia and, in particular, of the Communist attitude towards the religions of Asia.

But facts remain facts, and the persecution of Buddhism in Russia and Mongolia remains inscribed in the black record of the Communist regime. It forms part of that moral cleavage which separates the Soviet Communist guests from their Burmese Buddhist hosts.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE stronger a man is, the more likely he becomes about moving things. I have been reading of a Basque who "lifted a 250lb. block of granite 81 times in seven minutes."

You would think that before lifting the block he would have made up his mind where he wanted to deposit it, for surely when you have lifted one such block you have, as it were, lifted them all. Possibly the speed with which he went on lifting it time after time was his way of defeating boredom, knowing that somewhere in the eighties he would be not only exhausted but exhausted, and therefore eager to get the whole business over with quickly. Meanwhile I will bet that somewhere there is a man who is determined to beat this record, and to lift the block 82 times in seven minutes.

Mrs. Wretch's appeal

By saving your money until it is raining, you will find that you will be unable to afford to buy what you have been saving for, and so will be contributing to the fight against inflation.

Low life above stairs

"PARDON me for mentioning it, Sir Henry, but every time you chase a letter of the alphabet round your soup-plate with your fingers, the rather

nauseating spindrift sprays my corsage."

"I must apologise, Lady Daggett, but I'm trying to make a word, and only the 'I' is missing."

"Allow me, I happen to have it in my spoon at this moment."

"It is too kind of you. I will swap it for an extra 'n' I put by on my roll."

At the ballet

WRITING of a ballet a critic said that a ballerina seemed to be hampered by her partner in her pirouettes. Serge Trousseau used to stick his foot out to trip Sonia Tumbaleva in "Le Balser du Ferblantier." He had been an all-in wrestler at Sauleu, and when the music and the whirl of the dance excited him he often butted dancers with his head or stood on their backs and twisted their legs. All this added a touch of deeply-revered levity to the ballet, which began to draw the wrong kind of audience.

Sorting things out

IN America a psychiatrist has fitted his salon with mirrors to enable psychiatrists to watch patients. Little does he suspect that through a small hole in the door psychiatrists are watching the psychiatrists who are watching psychiatrists at work. I hope this branch of psychiatry is only in its infancy.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

BORN today, you men and women are not to differ rather widely in the outward expression of your talents, as well as in your disposition. You men are dramatic, aggressive and have the ability to push a project through to its bitter end. Business, politics and finance would appear to be your natural realm for expression of your talents.

You members of the fair sex, on the other hand, are sensitive, rather retiring, by nature, and dislike having to push your way through any kind of opposition. You men do manage to use the arts of charm and gentle persuasion to a distinct advantage. For when you want something, you want it very much. You just go about getting it by a

different and a more insidious method.

Both of you are good mixers, but you men are more potent for business or politics, while you women are more inclined to utilize it for social prestige. Your marriage should be a happy and contented one.

Among those born on this date are: Edward Gernon, composer; Donald Brian, actor; Anita Stewart, actress; Dorothy Chandler Fisher, actress; Douglas and Rex Street; Aldrich, authors; William L. Dayton, statesman; John L. Sullivan, pugilist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Good Return Sets No-Trump

By OSWALD JACOBY

NORTH'S response of two clubs in today's hand was a use of the Slayman Convention. The purpose was not to show a real club suit, but to ask South, whether or not he had a biddable holding in either major suit. If South had a biddable spade suit, North wanted to reach a game in spades.

As it happened, South did not have a biddable holding in either major suit. He indicated this fact by a rebid of two diamonds, whereupon North promptly and properly jumped to game at no-trump.

West opened a short spade suit largely because South had announced shortness in both majors. West therefore had reason to expect that his partner would have both length and strength in spades.

Dummy put up the king of spades, and East won the first trick with the ace. It was clear that there was very little nourishment in the spade suit, but now it was East's turn to draw

NORTH		20
♠	KQJ3	
♥	98	
♦	K76	
♣	Q1074	
WEST		
♠	85	
♥	KQ42	
♦	943	
♣	8532	
EAST		
♠	A1064	
♥	10873	
♦	1052	
♣	A9	
SOUTH (D)		
♠	AJ6	
♥	AQJ8	
♦	KJ6	
♣		
Neither side vul.		
South	West	North
1 N.T.	Pass	2 ♣
2 ♦	Pass	3 N.T.
Pass	Pass	
Opening lead—A ♠		

the proper inference from the bidding. South had denied a biddable heart holding, and it was therefore clear that West had at least four hearts.

It was not enough for East to shift to a heart. East had to lead the correct heart in order to defeat the contract. The ten of hearts was the correct choice. South could hardly afford to play low, since East would surely continue the hearts. South therefore put up the jack of hearts, losing to West's queen. West correctly read the situation, and the return of the king of hearts now established the hearts for the defenders. East was sure to get in with the ace of clubs in time to run the rest of the hearts, and the contract was therefore defeated.

If East had shifted to a low heart instead of the ten of hearts at the second trick, South would have made his contract by playing low. West would have to play the queen of hearts to win the trick, but he would not be able to return a heart without sacrificing a trick. South would therefore have time to knock out the ace of clubs and thus collect at least nine tricks before the opponents could develop the hearts.

CHORD Sense

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East
1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass
You, South, hold:
♠ A 5 3 ♠ A K 10 6 2 ♠ A K J 7
What do you do?
A—Bid three clubs. You can afford to force to game. You will suggest no-trump next.

TODAY'S QUESTION

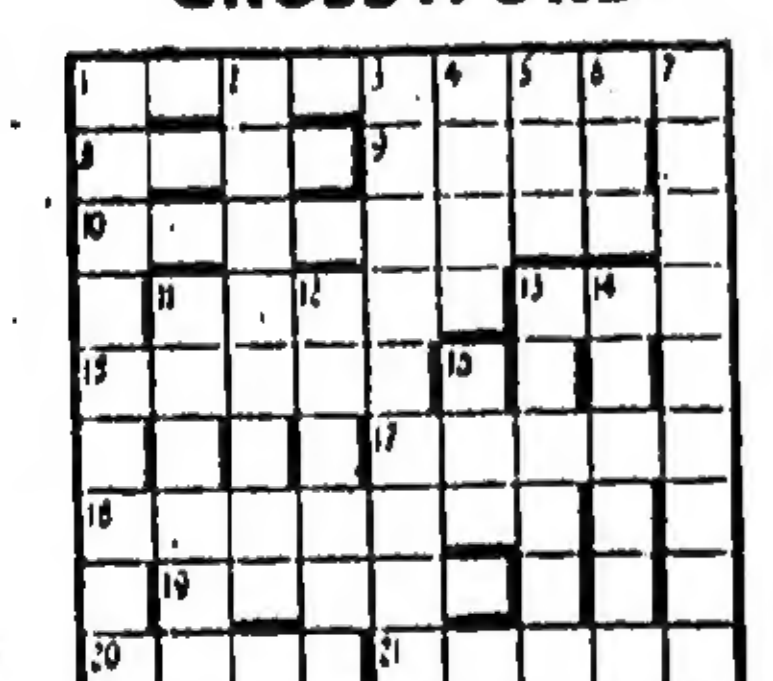
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ 5 3 ♠ A K 10 6 2 ♠ A Q J 4
What do you do?
Answer—Tomorrow

This Funny World



"Don't worry about a thing; I haven't forgotten how to look and act myself."

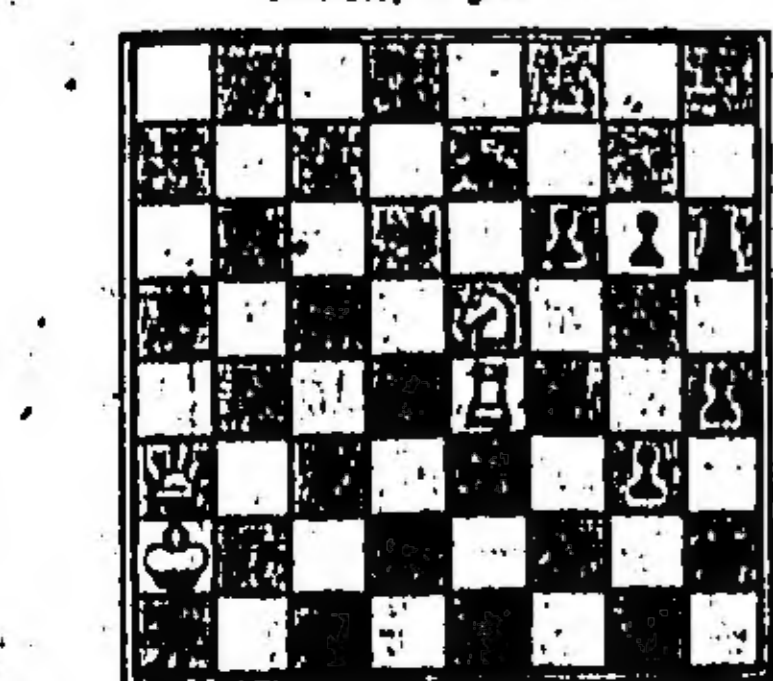
CROSSWORD



- Across
- This kind of control is sought after by car designers. (6-3)
 - Crumbly kneaded it about. (4)
 - Seven days to it, says him. (4)
 - Pretty good, but still troubling here. (10)
 1. Eagle of the law. (10)
 - The trout changes. (4)
 - Mr. Eddy? (10)
 - Tarzan is in a way. (7)
 - Musings without the notes. (5)
 - Coma-back to it, say the Irish. (4)
 - The wind comes in the and stars. (10)
- Down
- Cobden was its apostle. (4, 5)
 - Fineer points. (10)
 - Photographer blows up when he starts doing this. (10)
 - It has a big threatful turnover. (4)
 - Light and fantastic for dancing. (3)
 - Referring place; the rest it involved in. (10)
 - Liked with him. (10)
 - Little man of the hub? (10)
 - Shows contempt with twisted face. (10)
 - Free from a burden. (10)
 - First ego? (10)

CHess PROBLEM

By F. HLADIK
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 4 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-K4, any; 2. Q-Q, or K2 mate.

WOMANSENSE

EILEEN ASCROFT reports from Paris

PARIS CATERS FOR MISS AVERAGE

WHAT has Paris to offer the average woman? Here are the best ideas from the French shows I have seen to date.

For the young and gay: shorter skirts, flared or pleated, with brief collarless jackets. Highbreasted dresses with small boleros and crisp white bows.

For the tall and slender: short, dress with bust-lines emphasized by high looped or knotted bands. Lace suits, backed with silk. High-crowned hats with drapes of chiffon.

For the pocket Venus: (and if you are short you just must not be fat) Empire ball gowns with coloured bands or embroidery outlining the high bust. Redingote coat-dresses are good, too, in a range of honey beige, trimmed with white.

GLISTENING

For the Career Girl: pastel check suits and navy-blue button-throughs, glistening white. For her, too, the outside envelope handbags that hold so much and look so smart.

For the Budget-minded: cocktail dresses and matching coats in cotton broadweave, and all-the-year round suits in silver grey flannel.

Versatile, too, are the forward-tilted boaters.

For the glamour girl: make-up which gives a wicked slant to the eyes like the women in Etruscan friezes. A silver plastic mackintosh, lined with blue

Paris. For an Easter bride: the ballerina wedding dress, in dotted muslin with a matching, shoulder-length veil. Or for a grand affair—white satin, appliqued with white lace.

Never than a bouquet or a prayer book... an exquisite lace handkerchief. And the prettiest headpiece was two white roses, with long trailing green stems.

For the older woman—Black chiffon makes a charming return for cocktails and there is a new jersey material, half-silk and half-wool. If the profile is good and the hair style neat, she will love the small toques with high crowns.

What about a holiday parasol to go with her cotton frock?

For film stars: white beaver coats, golden chinchilla collars, black ermine evening blouses, and satin evening gowns with

trains encrusted with embroidery.

SHOWS: Cerven loves to design for the very young and the very pretty—with pleated skirts and short jackets, with elbow sleeves.

PROVOCATIVE

For the evening the lines are more sophisticated, with provocative décolletages, and bustline pronounced with subtle drapings. Like most Paris designers, she starts navy blue and white for spring.

Castillo, the Spanish designer at Laredo, launches a corset line. The slim bodice and high waisted belt skirt is becoming to the girl with a small figure.

For evening his dresses have an Empire influence, with high busts emphasized by bands of rich embroidery.

Include Cereals In Your Diet

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

CEREALS are not being used as much as their nutrients warrant, because many persons are afraid of becoming overweight. Cereals are classified as carbohydrate foods because starch is a predominant ele-

ment. This is fortunate, for carbohydrates supply the fuel needs of the body which must be satisfied first. Unless enough fuel is supplied in the form of carbohydrate or fat, protein will be used for heat and energy purposes, instead of growth and cellular repair.

All cereals contain protein in varying amounts. Oatmeal and rolled oats head the list. Then, in sequence of protein content, come wheat and whole cereals of various kinds, scotch and pearled barley; cornmeal, hominy and cornflakes; rice and rice cereals.

The protein in cereals is called secondary, but it goes into full action in the body as a complete protein when combined with an animal protein, such as milk. Whole grain cereals contain vitamins and minerals; if these are removed by processing, most cereals are restored or converted, with standard percentages of thiamin, niacin and iron which are printed on package labels.

Dinner
Tomato Cream Soup
Port-Green Pepper Rechauffee
Browned Cornmeal Slices
Quick Cabbage
Buttered Applesauce
Ginger Snaps

Confectionery Milk
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Proportioned to Serve 4 to 6

Port-Green Pepper Rechauffee: Melt 3 tbs. margarine. Add 2 sliced pared onions; cook until yellowed, about 2 min. Add 2 tbs. flour. Cook and stir until browned.

Gradually stir in 1/2 pt. boiling water. Add 2 beef bouillon cubes, 1/2 tsp. monosodium glutamate, 3 minced, cooled seeded green peppers and 3 to 4 c. cubettes cold roast pork. Simmer 15 min.

Serve spooned over fried cornmeal slices.
Browned Cornmeal Slices: Prepare 1 recipe cornmeal mush according to directions on the pkg. Rise a 4th loaf pan, about 10" x 4" with cold water, pour in the mush. Cover. Cook and refrigerate several hours.

To fry, unmould and cut in 1/2" slices. Dip in fine, dry bread crumbs, then in a slightly beaten egg mixed with 1/4 c. milk. Cook at once with crumbs.

Pan-fry until well-browned on each side.

Trick of the Chef
For nutty flavour add 1-1/3 part wheat germ to 2/3 part fine dry bread crumbs for coating cornmeal slices.

FASHION EXPERT'S IDEA OF A GOOD COIFFURE

NEW YORK. Lily Dache, fashion and beauty authority, advises a woman to plan her hair style as if she had two heads.

"The difference in the casualness of daytime clothes and the elegance of evening demands a difference in hairdos," she said.

She explained that a good hair style is a two-way hair style, preferably worn down and smooth for daytime, up and set for evening. —United Press

TASTES IN FLOWERS SELDOM CHANGE, BUT THERE'S A NEW TREND—

A TAILORED CORSAGE FOR MILADY

San Francisco. AMERICAN men show more courage than they used to in buying flowers for their women. But they still rather order from a salesgirl than a salesman.

also is a man," Stein said. "Men feel more like confiding in a woman, and get less panicky discussing the intricacies of taste if a girl is waiting on them."

Stein, in an appraisal of the booming flower industry, also observed that:

"We've grown into a billion dollar business, but it's amazing how tastes stay pretty much the same. Roses still are the most popular flower, followed more or less in order by carnations, chrysanthemums, gladioli and orchids.

"The switch to suburban living also has had an effect on the flower business. We're getting more calls for the brilliant, massive flowers which can fit

to the sales receipts. But there is one definite new trend. Women are wearing more tailored corsages than before. They like them simple and smart, instead of flamboyant, frilly and heavily ribboned.

"Another trend is that women seem to prefer an arrangement of flowers for the home rather than a corsage unless they are going out where they can show them off.

"We're going in more for arranged flowers now, instead of clusters of loose stemmed blossoms.

"The switch to suburban living also has had an effect on the flower business. We're getting more calls for the brilliant, massive flowers which can fit

easily into spacious country homes. City living dictates small, intimate arrangements.

"Getting back to the man's approach, I've noticed most single men like to have their flowers delivered. And they usually order something for indoor display rather than a wearable item. I guess the theory here is they don't want all of their friends to think the girl has them trapped.

"But whatever the approach," Stein added, "we have two sayings in this trade: A flower says things for a person he can't say for himself. And: A rose is worth a thousand words."

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Joe Learns A Lesson

—Smookey Was Glad When The Rough Ride Ended—

By MAX TRELL

FOR a long time, Knarr and Hanid, the shadows, hadn't had a visit from Joe Smokey. But tonight, as they watched Father smoking his pipe under the lamp on the other side of the room, suddenly who should come winking up out of the bowl of the pipe but Joe Smokey himself. He was dressed in tight black coat and tight black trousers and a tight black belt.

Across The Room

As soon as he was fairly out of the bowl of the pipe, Joe gave a little hop, moved his arms around as though he were swimming, and came floating across the room.

"Oh, hello," said Hanid. "Hello, Joe," said Knarr.

"Greetings, pals," said Joe. "I'm not going to ask you whether you've missed me. All I can say is that I'm glad I'm back again. What's cooking?"

"Cooking?" said Hanid. "Yes, I've been spending my time around a kitchen stove the last few weeks and I know all about cooking. Say, what's that over there?"

A Big Face

Joe pointed to the corner of the room. "That's a clock," said Knarr. "Mighty big clock," said Joe.

"It's a Grandfather Clock," said Hanid.

"It sure has a big face," said Joe. He floated over to have a

closer look at the Grandfather Clock. Knarr and Hanid went with him.

"Why is it called a Grandfather Clock?" said Joe. "Because it's so old," said Hanid. "It's older than anyone in the house, even older than our Grandfather."

"It's a grumpy old clock," said Joe, after looking steadily at the face for several minutes. "Why does he keep both his hands up like that? That little hand is nearly on eight and the other hand—the big one—is nearly on twelve."

Wonderful Discovery

Hanid was just about to explain to Joe Smokey that the

way the hands were pointed meant that it would be eight o'clock in a very short while, but at that very instant Joe made a wonderful discovery.

"Hey! Look at that thing swinging back and forth!" he said. "What's that? Is it Knarr's foot? Is he walking?"

"It's the pendulum," said Knarr.

"It looks like a swing," said Joe. "Do you think the old boy will mind if I take a swing?"

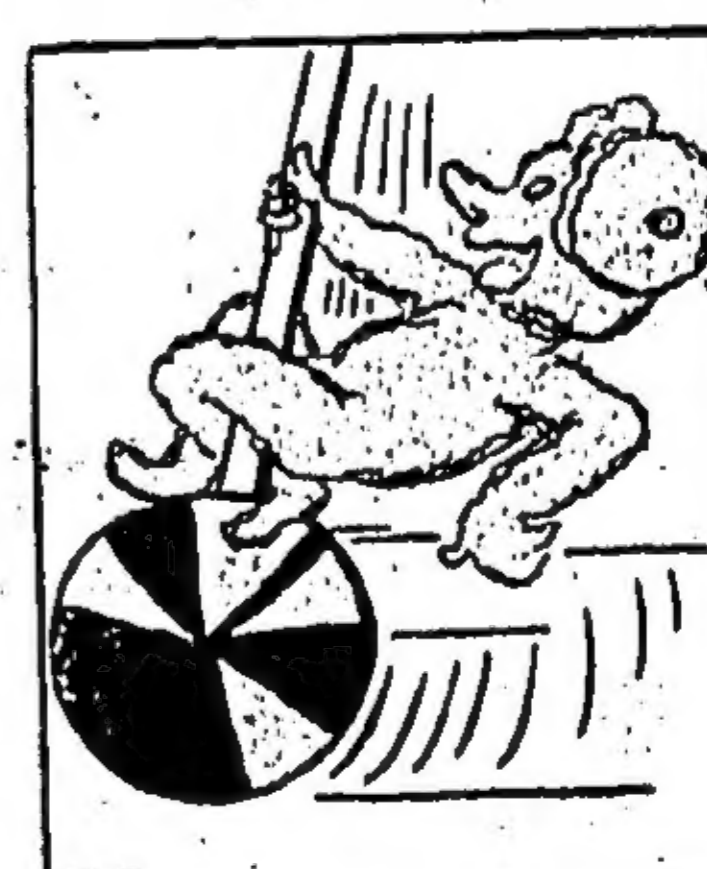
Joe didn't wait for permission. He gave a jump and grabbed the hold of the pendulum, wound his legs around it and started swinging. tick-tock, tick-tock.

"Not!" Hanid started to say. "Grandfather Clock doesn't like that! Get off, Joe! Get off!"

Rupert and the Gold Acorn—9



As the boy disappears Rupert hears him cry for help and a small voice tries to silence him. "His father's enemies! They've spotted him!" says the little voice, trembling. "Oh, how can I help him? Where are they taking him?" He creeps quietly after him.



Joe wound his legs around the swinging pendulum.

It was too late. Suddenly the old Grandfather Clock, which really didn't like anyone to go swinging on its pendulum, began striking.

It struck eight times, each strike louder than the one before.

Rolled And Tumbled

Poor Joe. For Smokey, he was shaken off. He rolled and he tumbled. He picked himself up and fell down again. He took one backward glance over his shoulder at the Grandfather Clock and hid himself behind Knarr and Hanid.

But Grandfather Clock was smiling now, chuckling with a tick-tock, tick-tock as kindly as an old grandfather with gold-rimmed spectacles and a cane.

"He's not angry any more," said Hanid to Joe Smokey. "You don't have to hide. Just sit down quietly and look at him. He'll tell you the time, only don't swing on his pendulum!"

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Seventh Race Meeting of the 1955/56 season starts tomorrow and will be held over two consecutive Saturday afternoons. There will be 10 races each day instead of nine races; the First Saddling Bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and an additional race (1A) will be run at 1.30 p.m. There will be no cash sweep on these additional races.

The most important event tomorrow is the Hyde Park Handicap for Class 1 ponies. Here are my estimates of the chances:—

RACE 1A

(Neville Handicap (First Section); From 1 1/4 Mile Post.)

The opening event is confined to Class 7 ponies. A perusal of the entries would seem to indicate that the following should be prominent: Brivisto (A. Travet), Mainail II (Andrew Lam), Orange Beauty (Edwin Mok), and Sky Horse (Albert Lam). Brivisto should have no difficulty in winning. This pony was officially fourth in the Southern Handicap over 1 1/4 miles at the last meeting, but in view of the opposition tomorrow it should not be fully expected, except perhaps by Mainail II.

Combined Schools Cricket Team

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Schools XI against the "Chopsticks" at KCC on Wednesday, Feb. 22 and against the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday, Feb. 26. J. Short (KGV), J. Hung (DBS), J. Banks (KGV), R. Lalchandani (N.M.C.), I. Kitchell (St. Joseph's), J. Kaiser (DBS), I. Johnston (St. George's), D. Robb (KGV), A. Ram-John (St. Joseph's), M. Russell (DBS), F. Groves (KGV), J. B. G. man: D. Horley (KGV).

Whitlock Not Ready To Meet Moore Yet

San Francisco, Feb. 16. Archie Moore, World Light-Heavyweight Boxing Champion, will have to look for another opponent if he intends going through with his proposed fight in San Diego on February 27. Joe Carlo, manager of Heavyweight Dave Whitlock, said today he would not match his boxer against Moore. "The kid isn't ready," he said. "Whitlock is not going to box Moore now," added Carlo. "I don't think the kid is good enough and he has a cut eye from a recent bout. It takes time for a cut to heal, and it won't be healed by February 27."

Moore signed to meet Whitlock yesterday. The bout was scheduled to take place four days after Moore's reported date of arrival in London to start training in defence of his world title against Yolande Pompey (Trinidad) on March 13. Reuter.

MOORE'S SUGGESTION

San Francisco, Feb. 16. Archie Moore, World Light-Heavyweight Champion, today put off until next Tuesday his final decision as to whether he would defend his title in London on March 13 against Yolande Pompey, of Trinidad.

In a half-hour phone call with Promoter Jack Solomon in London, Moore suggested that he should fight British Heavyweight Champion Don Cockell on March 13 and stay on in London to fight Pompey in June. Mr. Solomon turned down the suggestion.

Moore thought a June title fight against Pompey would attract a half-million-dollar gate. Earlier last week Moore said he would insist on an American referee or a British referee of his choice handling his London bout.

Moore told Mr. Solomon he was "having a bit of difficulty in reducing to the 175 pounds division limit but gave an assurance he could make the weight."

It was agreed that Moore and Mr. Solomon should have another talk next Tuesday after Moore's non-title fight on Monday against Howard King of Nevada.—China Mail Special.

For the third position a good tussle should ensue between Orange Beauty and Sky Horse. RACE 1 (Neville Handicap (Second Section); From 1 1/4 Mile Post.)

Class 7 ponies are confined to Class 7 ponies and punters will not have to look far for the winner. After its easy win in the Northern Handicap (First Section) over the mile at the last meeting with D. Benson up it is only natural to expect that Jermina P. (A. Ostroff) will be made firm favourite and it should not disappoint. There is, of course, just a possibility that Flying Dutchman (H. H. Chan) may cause an upset, provided it does not suffer from a bad start.

The shorter distance also favours Anniversary 10 (K. Kwok) and Pot O'Gold (W. K. Shieh) and they should give a good account of themselves.

RACE 2

(Customs Pass Handicap (First Section); 1 1/4 Miles.)

This race will be decided by the First Section of Class 9 ponies. Among the ponies entered the following are undoubtedly the best: Gay Sire (H. M. Botelho), Senorita (Allan Chan), Henrietta (K. Kwok), and Probability (K. F. Chiu). I recommend Gay Sire, on account of its win in the Enclosure Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the Annual Race Meeting to win against this lot of runners. Regarding the second position it is difficult to say whether Senorita will account for Henrietta. These two should provide an interesting duel, however, with Senorita as my fancy.

Probability is a good outsider and may prove a good bet for venturesome punters.

RACE 3

(Customs Pass Handicap (Second Section); 1 1/4 Miles.)

The Second Section of Class 9 ponies will gather together for this event and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between four ponies only. Amputella (Andrew Chan) will undoubtedly be made favourite and, on form, it should certainly have no difficulty in winning.

Tumbleweed (Starr Liu) should fill second place. For the third position I think Trade Wind (H. H. Chan) is the choice, but I recommend keeping an eye on V. I. P. (Alex Lam).

RACE 4

(Hyde Park Handicap; From 1 1/4 Miles.)

Looking over the entries for this event I don't think there

Sports Diary

TODAY

HKASA, Annual Meeting at Club Lushan, 5.30 p.m.
HKOR, Athletic Meeting at Boundary Street.
FAIRFEL, Boxing Championship, semi-final.
CAS Charity Basketball at Southern Playground, 7 p.m.

TOMORROW

1st Division: Army "South" v "Optimists"; "Georgians" v "Reveries"; "Kings" v "Lancers"; Navy v "Police"; RAF v "M.C."
2nd Division: University "A" v Army "South"; "Reveries" v "Kings"; "Optimists" v "Police"; "Lancers" v "M.C."
3rd Division: "Kings" v "Police"; "Lancers" v "M.C."
4th Division: "Kings" v "Police"; "Lancers" v "M.C."

Friday, Feb. 17

Inter-Club Handicap v Hong Kong (Soccer) at 4 p.m.
Hong Kong v Chinese Training Unit Sports Field (Boundary Street) at 5.30 p.m.
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Saturday, Feb. 18

Inter-Club Handicap v Hong Kong (Soccer) at 4 p.m.
Hong Kong v Chinese Training Unit Sports Field (Boundary Street) at 5.30 p.m.
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is much doubt that Charleol (C. L. Liu) will win, unless something out of the ordinary happens. Misty Law (M. Samarcq) should have no difficulty in taking second place. A good struggle should ensue between Golden Branch (W. K. Shieh) and Winsome Stag (H. K. Chuang) for third place.

RACE 5

(Fountain Park Handicap; 1 1/4 Miles.)

In this race for Class 4 ponies the likely winner should come from among Helicon (K. Kwok), Treasureland (M. Samarcq), Jellied (A. Travet) and Old Tyne (W. K. Shieh). Helicon came in third in the Sports Club Cup over this distance at the last meeting with it, Tsai up and on that run fancy it to win. Treasureland is dangerous and should not be disregarded. Jellied, which was fourth in the above race against Helicon the last time out, may be worth while following for a place. For those looking for an outsider, I suggest Old Tyne.

RACE 6

(Pineapple Pass Handicap (First Section); One Mile.)

This race will be contested by Class 8 ponies. Blonkie (M. Samarcq) has been knocking at the door of success for a long time. It was placed second at the last meeting, but provided Samarcq can get it off to a good start tomorrow, it may win. Atomic Caesar (Starr Liu) is the next pony to consider although it failed to gain a place the last time out. Invincible (Andrew Lam) is good over this distance and can be depended upon to make a fight of it. Hawatha (A. Ostroff) has improved a great deal in its morning gallops and is also quite a danger here.

RACE 7

(Beverly Handicap (Third Section); From 1 1/4 Mile Post.)

This is another sprint affair for the Third Section of Class 7 ponies. In spite of its defeat at the Annual Race Meeting, I fancy the chances of Emperor Delight (C. F. Ng), as this pony is fast over this distance. Pogus (C. L. Liu) looks dangerous and Cover Girl (Starr Liu) may yet spring a surprise as this pony is undoubtedly good. As an outsider I recommend Sultan (W. Williamson).

RACE 8

(Pineapple Pass (Second Section); One Mile.)

From a perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for the second lot of Class 8 ponies, it appears that Vendetta (K. Kwok) has the best recommendation for a win here. The pony to watch, however, is Snowy, which will again be taken out by C. L. Liu. It has been showing improved form lately and it will give Vendetta a keen fight to the end.

There is also the Kangaroo (Albert Lam) to be considered and a ticket each way on this combination may turn out to be a good investment.

Free Success (H. K. Cheng) is in fine trim at the moment and should be worth following as an outsider.

RACE 9

(Hattersay Park Handicap; Six Furlongs.)

This is the final event of the first day, in which Class 4 ponies will settle the argument. Eldra, ridden by A. Ontrouff, came second in the Sports Club Cup, carrying 144 lbs., at the last meeting for Class 3 ponies. It will be taken out by the same jockey tomorrow afternoon and with the weight up by 2 lbs. I consider its prospects of scoring a win here rather bright.

Beautiful Lie (Chau Foo) is not bad over this distance and can be depended on to give the above pony a good run for the first position.

Beautiful Phoenix (H. K. Hung) certainly looks dangerous and may cause an upset. Kentucky Lady (C. F. Ng) is another pony to bear in mind. As it will be carrying 138 lbs., it should not be ignored.

LOOKING AT SPORT

ALEC STOCK CAN BRING GLORY BACK TO ARSENAL

Says DENNIS HART

The Arsenal story, the greatest story of them all, started with Herbert Chapman.

George Allison followed, then came Tom Whittaker. Now Highbury's marbled halls welcome the latest in line of succession—Alec Stock. His job: to bring about an Arsenal revival.

It's as simple as that. Alec Stock, at 37 one of the youngest managers in football, has the game's biggest job. There's no question of him building a pretty good side. It has to be really good.

For Chapman set a new level of standards with his fabulous side of the thirties. In nine years they won the League Championship five times, were second once, third another time. The lowest position they dropped to was sixth. And that year they won the FA Cup. Another Cup win and a runners-up medal completed a success story which made Arsenal a household word in every language.

Now they are paying for that success. Since the war Arsenal have done well. They have won the League twice, the Cup once, something no other club has done. Their post-war total of points is beaten only by Manchester United.

Yet they have been written off as has-beens. For Arsenal means one thing in soccer—the best. Anything short of that is failure.

That is why—Alec Stock, of the keen eyes and clear-cut features, takes up the Highbury reins.

A ONE-MAN JOB

Running Arsenal had become more than a one-man job, even with assistants. An entirely new post had to be created and filled. Now it has, with the appointment of Stock as team manager.

His sole responsibility will be the team, its training, its tactics and its wants.

What sort of man is Stock? Born in Somerset, he is the son of a Charlton groundsman. He explained his school at rugby. At 18 he turned to soccer, signed for Charlton, moved on to Queen's Park Rangers. Then came the war.

Back in Somerset in 1946 he came on advertisement for the position of player-manager of Yeovil Town, an obscure Non-League side. He answered it, and was chosen from 60 applicants.

Three years later that same Yeovil town was headline news. A sensational Cup-run took them to the fifth round with Bury and Sunderland beaten on the way.

That year Stock went to Orient, the "Cinderella club" of soccer struggling at the foot of the Third Division.

PROMOTION HUNT

Now they are well in the promotion hunt. Stock discovered players like Vic Groves and Stan Charlton—recently transferred to Arsenal for £20,000. He leaves behind him at Leyton other discoveries like Ron Heckman, for whom Wolves would willingly exchange £20,000, Phil Woosnam and Ken Feggy.

That is Alec Stock, star-maker, team-builder and, above all, a fighter.

It is because he is a fighter that he has gone to Arsenal. Money? He could have earned more by staying at Leyton. Curran, Harry Zussman offered him £80 per week and a ten-year contract. And he couldn't get a happier atmosphere than at Orient. The club is known as soccer's happy family.

But there are other things. Says Alec: "The Arsenal job is a challenge. It's a man's job. 'Can I do it? Am I big enough? Who could resist a challenge to achieve the highest pinnacle of his profession?' Is Stock big enough?"

I think he is. He starts with one big advantage: his mind works along Arsenal lines. They have never gone in for frills at Highbury. They have always reckoned that one long pass can do the work of three short ones—and do it better.

And it was only the other day, in the board room tucked under the cosy Leyton Stand, that Stock was outlining his soccer philosophy to me.

"It's against good football, but it must have something definite in view. Same with the players. Every forward should go on to the field determined to score. Not that I discourage team-work. Indeed, that is the way to more goals."

"It is, just that I don't want players to develop the 'what a good boy am I' attitude because their pass led up to the move which made a goal."

So speaks the man who put Yeovil in the headlines, who put Leyton on the map and who can put Arsenal on top of the world.

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ALEC STOCK

Tough Policy Could Pay With Ontray

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

Captain Lionel Scott Briggs has devoted a large part of his life to attempting to win the Grand National. During this time he has developed certain theories about what should be done and should not be done with a prospective Aintree candidate.

From the moment he bought Ontray as a yearling in Ireland the horse has been brought along gradually in accordance with this owner-trainer's carefully developed routine.

Twice already Scott Briggs has got within an ace of realising his life's ambition, for in 1939 his seven-year-old Mac-Moffat was beaten by three lengths by Workman, and the following year Mac-Moffat was beaten by four lengths by Boggy.

Ontray has completed the National course as a six and as a seven-year-old.

These facts suggest that there must be something behind the captain's teaching, for he has been intelligent enough to "ride" the amateur riders who have played the chief part in his schooling and racing before this season.

Ontray has not yet justified early promise. He is a lazy horse and it is possible that he has been intelligent enough to "ride" the amateur riders who have played the chief part in his schooling and racing before this season.

Scott Briggs thought sterner treatment was required—and a professional jockey. George Black was given the mount on Ontray for the Christmas Cracker Handicap 'Chase at the Liverpool December meeting.

Ontray was not very impressive that day, but the partnership probably required more experience of each other.

This proved impossible, for shortly afterwards Black had an accident which has put him out for the season.

Ontray continued to be ridden by professional jockeys in his next three races, and last time out Dick Curran landed him in third place in the Lancashire Handicap 'Chase with "Wise Child" Goswami, Look On, Kilnabry and Triple-pate behind.

I should have liked to have seen Curran ride him again at Aintree, for there are not many better riders over this course. Curran is booked for Gigolo, on whom he finished fourth last season.

When Ontray ran fifth in last year's National, he carried 8 lb. overweight. Just what that means in terms of lengths one cannot estimate but over four

and a half miles it must be considerable. This time he will carry his correct weight of 10 st. He meets Quare Times on 20 lb. better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and days well and certainly appears a reasonable proposition for a place.

He ran in the Grand National last year with 10 st. 5 lb. and finished fifth of 30. In 1954 National (10-8) he finished ninth of 29 to Royal Tan. Mr R. Brewis rode in both races, but N. Wilkinson has the mount this year with 10-0.

Ontray ran in the Grand Section Chase (2m. 7 1/2 f.) in 1955 with 10-5, but fell at the 10th fence. His full record last season: 0 2 3 3 0 0 2 0.

Ontray's performances so far this season: 3 0 2 0 2 0 3.

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Valley Accident

Mr. A. Travet was injured in a riding accident at Happy Valley this morning while exercising Hallmark. His mount almost ran into Balkan Morarch during a training gallop and he fell off, landing on his face. His nose was split open and may have been broken. He was taken to hospital for an X-ray examination.

NO ATHLETICS ON SUNDAY

The athletic meeting arranged to take place at Caroline Hill Stadium on Sunday morning had to be postponed owing to unforeseen circumstances. It will now take place on Sunday, February 20, and the main feature on the programme will be a 3,000 metres race.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND
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CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General
Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Ordinary
Yearly General Meeting of
the Shareholders of the Cor-
poration will be held at the
Head Office of the Corporation,
1 Queen's Road, Central,
Hong Kong, on Friday, the
16th day of March, 1956, at
Noon for the purpose of
receiving and considering the
reports of the Directors and
of the Auditors and the
Profit and Loss Account and
Balance Sheet for the year
ended 31st December, 1955,
and for the election of Directors
and fixing their remuneration
and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF
SHARES of the Corporation
will be closed from Friday,
the 2nd of March to Friday,
the 16th of March, 1956,
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Sixty-Third
Annual General Meeting of
the Members of the Company
will be held on Thursday, the
15th day of March, 1956, at
11 a.m. at the Company's
Registered Office, 4th Floor,
P. & O. Building, for the
transaction of the business of
an Ordinary General Meeting
including the following:—

- (1) To receive and consider
the Reports of the Directors
and of the Auditors, and
the Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31st
December 1955, and the Balance
Sheet as at that date.
- (2) To approve the Dividend.
- (3) To elect Directors.
- (4) To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members
will be closed from Friday,
the 2nd of March, to Thursday,
the 15th of March, 1956, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1956.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"PILEUS"
Damaged cargo ex this vessel will
be surveyed by Messrs. Paulsen &
Reyes-Davay at Holt's Wharf from
10 a.m. on February 20 and 21, 1956,
and consignees are requested to
have their representatives present
during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, February 17, 1956.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office, P. & O. Building, 4th Floor, Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon of the 15th day of March 1956 (or as soon thereafter as the business of the Sixty-third Annual General Meeting of the Company shall be concluded) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as a Special Resolution:—

"That the authorised Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$50,000,000 divided into 5,000,000 shares of \$10 each to \$100,000,000 by the creation of 5,000,000 additional shares of \$10 each."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

1. "That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$5,000,000 being part of the General Reserve Account and that accordingly a special capital bonus of \$5,000,000 free of income tax be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 15th day of March 1956 are holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 5,000,000 new shares of the Company of \$10 each, and that such 5,000,000 new shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one such new share for every complete seven of the said issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each shareholder and not as income, and further that such new shares shall as from the 1st day of July 1956 rank for dividend and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares."

"If any member would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors in lieu of issuing fractional share certificates will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

2. "That in accordance with Article 11 of the Articles of Association of the Company there shall be offered to members who on the 15th day of March 1956 are the registered holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company 1,000,000 shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10 each at par (such nominal value being payable in full upon application on or before the 1st day of July 1956) so that each member of the Company or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up two new shares for every complete issued seven shares then held by such member. The shares so offered shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July 1956 and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares."

"If under the terms of the offer any member would be entitled to a fractional share, the Directors, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the net proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

"The Directors will dispose of any shares offered to members in the event of non-payment thereof by members or their approved nominees on or before the 1st day of July 1956 at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide."

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but are not on the Register in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates on or before the 1st day of March 1956.

The offer will be made by notice sent by post to each shareholder specifying the number of shares to which each shareholder is entitled and such offer, if not accepted either on behalf of such member or his nominee on or before the 1st day of July 1956 will be deemed to be declined.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March, to Thursday, the 15th of March, 1956, both days inclusive.

Dated Hong Kong, this 17th day of February 1956.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. FELL,

Secretary.

Large Aquamarine Spotlights Brazilian Industry

By Haig Nicholson

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 16.

News of the discovery of what is claimed to be the biggest aquamarine in the world in Brazil recently attracted new attention to the country's prosperous, coloured gemstone industry.

The aquamarine weighed 61 kilogrammes (over 134 lbs), but experts like Hans Stern who, at the age of 16, left Hitler's Germany for Brazil, and now, at 33, is probably the biggest coloured gemstone dealer in the world, asserted that its importance lay rather in its size than in its quality.



An Egyptian State Tourist office was opened last week in London's Piccadilly by Mr. Hassan Murad of the Egyptian Tourist Administration. Mr. Murad is pictured standing in front of the entrance, while visitors throng the inside of the office. — Express Photo.

US Tanks For Saudi Arabia

Washington, Feb. 16.
The United States is to deliver 18 light Walter Bulldog tanks to Saudi Arabia, the State Department announced today.

A State Department spokesman said the 18 tanks had been loaded on board the freighter James Monroe, which is due to weigh anchor in New York on Friday for the port of Dammam (Saudi Arabia).
Walter Bulldog tanks are light reconnaissance vehicles. Also known as "M-41", they weigh 25 tons. — France-Press.

HALF SHEEP, HALF GOAT

Wellington, Feb. 16.
A strange animal, half sheep and half goat, has been discovered on a farm in the Awakino district.

It was reared by an ewe and has a head like a sheep, goat's ears and the rudiments of horns, longer legs than a lamb and silky hair.
It has no teeth. — China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

CLAY CAMEL
CAUGHT!
NOTORIOUS THIEF ARRESTED
IN EMBASSY IN RIGOROUS
SCENE AS HE IMPERSONATES
AMBASSADOR. SITUATION
COMPLICATED BY...

OF ALL THE
CRAZY WHEN
I SAW THREE
AMBAASSADORS—
IT WASN'T AS
I PLANNED—
BUT IT
WORKED!
WE'VE GOT
THE CLAY
CAMEL.

HERE ARE THE
CROWN JEWELS.
MISTER AM—
—YOU ARE THE
AMBASSADOR?
I AM, YOUR
HIGHNESS.
IF YOU
ARE ANY DOUBT,
PULL MY
MUSTACHE.

YOU'VE GOT TIME NOW,
CLAY CAMEL, YOU CAN
DISGUISE YOURSELF
AS A JAILBIRD.
Beh!

TALK
ABOUT
MAGIC!
Have you seen
Admiral
AIR CONDITIONERS
AND REFRIGERATORS

FERD'NAND

By Mik

I WONDER IF I CAN HIT
THAT OLD DRESSER
WITH THIS ROCK

OH--- YOU
BROKE THE
MIRROR---
THAT
MEANS
BAD LUCK

CRASH

OH, YEAH?

FROZEN FRESH
IN THE COUNTRY!
TRY
Libby's
FROZEN FOODS
TODAY!

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller

CITY DUMP

OH--- YOU
BROKE THE
MIRROR---
THAT
MEANS
BAD LUCK

CRASH

OH, YEAH?

ROWNTREES
IT'S THE FULL
CREAM MILK THAT
MAKES ROWNTREES
CHOCOLATE SO
CHOCOLATE IN
CHOCOLATE!

JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

TIMED PRECISELY, GABY'S ROTOR BLADES
SLICE THROUGH THE HOSE CONNECTION!

THE TWO PLANES SIDESLIP AWAY! NOW THE
SECONDS RUN OUT—THREE—TWO—ONE—

ZERO!

...this situation
calls for a
San
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Allied Chemicals	\$	10734	Pan American Airways	17
Allied Mills Inc.	3454		Park Pictures	31
Allied Mills Inc.	3454		Parke Davis Co.	43
American Airline	234		Park, Salt Co.	41
American Metal	59		Petroleum Products	42
American Smelt	5915		Radio Corporation	42
American Tel. & Tel.	1823		Republic Steel	41
American Tob. "B"	774		Rockwell Mfg. Co.	41
Amcorad Copper	491		Shell Oil Co.	69
Armco Steel	491		Salt Lake Paper	41
Armour	1014		Secony Vacuum	61
Baltimore & Ohio	4		South Porto Rico Sugar	61
Bell Telephone	42		Southern Bell	61
Bethlehem Steel	1474		Southern Railway (Com.)	101
Boeing Airplane	79		Standard Brands	41
Boston Edison	79		Standard Oil of Cal.	51
Burgess Add. Machine	30		Standard Oil of Ind.	51
Canadian Pacific H.	161		Standard Oil of N.J.	51
Chas. J. I. Co.	435		Stearns	16
C. I. F. Financial Corp.	724		Stokely-Van Camp	51
Chase Manhattan Bank	724		Studebaker-Packard Corp.	51
Chrysler Motor	554		Texas Co.	12
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	417		Union Carbide	101
Commercial Credit	417		Union Carbide & Sulphur	101
Consolidated Ene.	417		United Aircraft	61
Consolidated Edman	417		U.S. Gypsum	61
Crane Co.	574		U.S. Lumber Co.	51
Crown Zellerbach	574		U.S. Rubber	51
Cuban Amer. Sugar	1014		U.S. Smelting	51
Diamond Alkali	2174		U.S. Steel	51
Dunlop & Monroa	774		Warner Bros.	21
Eastman Kodak	774		Westinghouse Electric	21

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